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## Cahill's Pro Bono Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Cahill has been providing pro bono services to those affected by the pandemic, and we are continuing to develop additional opportunities to make a positive impact. Our current initiatives include:

- Partnering with Sanctuary for Families to help victims of domestic violence file for orders of protection remotely. According to Governor Cuomo's office, the New York State Police reported a 15-20% increase in domestic violence incidents in New York state since the stay-at-home executive order was issued. Cahill is providing remote assistance to victims of domestic violence who call Sanctuary's live helpline seeking orders of protection.
- Helping nonprofits and performing arts organizations navigate the CARES Act. The firm is assisting nonprofit and performing arts clients with analyzing and interpreting provisions of the CARES Act so that these organizations and their employees can have the full benefit of the safety net provided by the stimulus.
- Advising small businesses on emergency loans provided under the CARES Act. Small businesses are being profoundly impacted by the shutdown to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The CARES Act provides for emergency loans either in the form of loans issued by the Small Business Association (SBA), or through an SBA-approved lender. Cahill is advising select small businesses about their options for emergency SBA loans and grants under the CARES Act, and in particular, we will continue our longstanding emphasis on supporting businesses owned by women, minorities, and military veterans.